

Iranian court to question MP

TEHRAN (R) — An Iranian newspaper said Sunday a hardline member of parliament (MP) had been summoned to appear before a special religious court. The hardline newspaper Sabzeh did not say what charges had been brought against the man, Tehran deputy and clergymen Morteza Alavi, but argued his "crime" was to publicise the strength of hardliners in the 270-member Majlis (Parliament). Earlier this month the special court summoned the hardline deputy speaker of the Majlis, Hossein Hashemi, on charges of violating the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's orders. The crackdown on politicians opposed to President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani is the latest sign of a power struggle in the religious leadership between hardliners and moderates jockeying for position ahead of parliamentary elections next year. Mr. Hashemi was apparently in trouble because he attended a meeting in the Holy City of Qom with Grand Ayatollah Hosseini Ali Montazari, the man who was long designated to succeed Ayatollah Khomeini. Ayatollah Khomeini dropped Ayatollah Montazari a few months before his death in 1989 and told him to concentrate on teaching theology.

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Afghan rebels disagree over Moscow talks

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan Mujahideen commanders have failed to reach an agreement on a political settlement of the war in Afghanistan, guerrilla sources in the Pakistani city of Peshawar said Sunday. They said the commanders, while generally in favour of a political accord to end the 12-year-old war, were at odds over whether to back more talks between the Pakistan-based Mujahideen political leadership and Moscow. The 200 commanders and their representatives met Friday and Saturday at the Ziarat headquarters of commander Jalaluddin Haqqani in eastern Afghanistan. Mujahideen and Soviet leaders met in Moscow this month for peace talks, boycotted by three hardline guerrilla groups but welcomed by Pakistan, home to some three million Afghan refugees and the main conduit of arms supplies to the guerrillas. During the talks, the Mujahideen promised to free some of the 60 to 80 Soviets Moscow believes still held by the rebels three years after it withdrew its last troops from Afghanistan. The guerrillas say thousands of Mujahideen are held by the Kabul government. In return, Moscow acknowledged that its 1976 invasion of Afghanistan was wrong, pledged to withdraw its advisers from there and accepted the idea of an "Islamic" interim government.

Crown Prince meets German minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday received German Minister for Families and Senior Citizens Hannelore Roehrsch and discussed with her Jordan's economic conditions and the impact of the influx of hundreds of thousands of returnees to the Kingdom. Also discussed were the peace process and its potential effects on the region. The meeting was attended by Minister of Social Development Amin Awad Mashqab and the German ambassador in Amman.

Iraq denies its food distribution is unfair

BAGHDAD (R) — Baghdad's Trade Minister Mohammad Mebdi Saleh Sunday denied Western claims that food was being distributed unfairly and said the ration system was working well. "All Iraqi citizens, Arabs and foreigners receive their share under the ration-card system on a monthly basis without discrimination," he told the Iraqi News Agency. He said the U.S. administration had claimed "that the food stocks in Iraq have been distributed to certain individuals according to whom." He called for the release of Iraqi funds held abroad to allow it to buy urgently-needed supplies. "Iraq appeals to all good and honest forces in the countries where there are frozen Iraqi funds ... to put pressure on their governments to release them so that it may be able to buy food and medicine," Mr. Saleh said.

King of Morocco visits Italy, Vatican

RABAT (R) — King Hassan of Morocco left for Rome Sunday for a three-day state visit to Italy, where he will have talks with President Francesco Cossiga, Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and Pope John Paul. His visit begins Monday when the two countries will sign a treaty of friendship and cooperation at the Quirinal Palace. Officials said his talks would cover the Middle East peace process, relations between the European Community (EC) and North Africa, Mediterranean security and bilateral economic relations.

Egyptian Muslim groups clash; 1 killed

CAIRO (R) — One man was shot dead and five were wounded in a fight between rival fundamentalist groups on a football pitch, security sources said Sunday. The sources said members of the Muslim Brotherhood attacked Gama'a Al Islamiya (Islamic Groups) members with guns, chains and knives while they played football in the Upper Egypt town of Dayrat Friday afternoon. Khalid Said Ahmad, from the Islamic groups, was shot dead in the fray. Two of the injured were from the Muslim Brotherhood and the other three were from the Islamic groups.

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Turkish man caught in shootout dies

ISTANBUL (R) — A Turkish civilian died in hospital on Sunday after being accidentally shot when guerrillas ambushed a police car overnight. The Anatolian news agency said. A police officer and a man who police said was a member of the outlawed Turkish Workers Peasants Liberation Army (TIPKO), were also wounded in the clash in the Umraniye district on the outskirts of Istanbul.

Shamir rejects poll finding, claims continued U.S. Jewish support

From our correspondents in Washington

DISMISSING a recent poll indicating that a significant number of American Jewish leaders support a freeze on settlements in exchange for the \$10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees to Israel, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir asserted Sunday that the rank and file of the Jewish community in the U.S. supports his position. "Face the Nation," were taped

shortly before his departure to Israel Saturday night.

Mr. Shamir was referring to the results of a survey released Wednesday which covered the views of 205 of the more than 300 officers and board members of the Council of Jewish Federations. The survey showed the leaders disagreeing strongly with Mr. Shamir's unwillingness to seek a peace settlement based on the exchange of land for peace. Moreover, 78 per cent of those polled said they would favour a freeze in settlement growth in return for the loan guarantees.

"Mr. Shamir addressed the annual meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations in Baltimore on Thursday. The survey, conducted by the Los Angeles-based Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies, revealed that the 205 respondents give an average of more than \$20,000 a year to Israel and consider themselves politically as liberal to middle-of-the-road.

In his interview, the Israeli premier indicated that he did not

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Israel wants U.S. to reconsider venue

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Sunday he had asked U.S. President George Bush to reconsider his choice of Washington as a venue for peace talks and offer an alternative that Israel would find acceptable.

"We asked the president to reconsider the site of the direct talks and continue contacts with us until we reach an arrangement acceptable to all sides," Mr. Shamir told reporters on his return to Tel Aviv from the United States.

"We hope to hear in the next days of an arrangement that can also satisfy us," he said.

Police Minister Ronni Milo, a close ally of Mr. Shamir, told reporters Israel would not rush its reply to Washington's invitation.

"The answer will not be given by Monday as Washington asked," Mr. Milo said. "They said in the way of an ultimatum that we should answer by Monday.

"We are going to discuss it in the cabinet... and then we will decide whether we shall accept the invitation to Washington or not and under what circumstance we will accept it, if we will," Mr. Milo said.

Ghali 'knows Shamir has no expectations' of him

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Boutros Ghali, the next secretary-general of the United Nations, refused to react to criticism by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Yediott Aharonot newspaper reported Sunday.

"I understand that Mr. Shamir has no expectations of me, and I have no reaction to what he said," the newspaper quoted Dr. Ghali as saying during an interview in Germany.

Dr. Ghali was responding to Mr. Shamir's statement on Friday that "Israel's standing in the U.N., as we know, is not the greatest, and this decision adds to that."

Dr. Ghali accompanied the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, on his peace mission to occupied Jerusalem in 1977 and was subsequently member of the delegation that negotiated a peace treaty with Israel.

Mr. Shamir, then parliament speaker, opposed the Egyptian-Israeli talks, and the agreement under which Israel returned the Sinai Peninsula occupied during the 1967 war.

A senior Shamir aide said Friday that although Dr. Ghali is one of the most positive Egyptian leaders on Israeli issues, Dr. Ghali shares the Egyptian view that Israel should withdraw from all territories it occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, including Arab East Jerusalem.

With Middle East peace talks due to resume in Washington on Dec. 4, Mr. Shamir Saturday reiterated his opposition to any Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

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Middle East News

Iran ending hostage crisis to strengthen Syria in peace talks

BEIRUT (R) — Iran engineered a breakthrough in the Lebanon hostage saga to strengthen Syria and prevent Israel being rewarded with U.S. support at Middle East peace talks, pro-Iranian sources said Sunday.

They said Iran had also hoped by separating the fate of Western hostages in Lebanon from Arabs held in Israel to end the seven-year hostage problem quickly and improve ties with Europe.

"Iran opposes the Middle East peace talks but appreciates Syria's hardline stand in them and knows Syrian leaders had no choice but take part," a pro-Iranian political source said.

"Syria benefits from Iran's position and its own alliance with Tehran to face Israel and American pressures," he said.

"One step which does that is disengaging the hostages from the Arab prisoners (held by Israel) and releasing them," he said.

Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, is Iran's closest Arab ally.

Iran says it does not control, but can influence, the kidnap groups. Three Americans and two Germans are still held by groups operating under the umbrella of the Tehran-inspired Hezbollah (Party of God).

In a surprise policy shift, Iranian-backed Lebanese leaders announced last week that they no longer saw any link between freeing the last five Western hostages in Lebanon and Israel releasing hundreds of its Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners.

Hizbollah Secretary-General Aghas Musawi said Wednesday only captured Israeli servicemen or their remains, but no longer Western hostages, would be exchanged for Arabs held by Israel.

He said he expected the hostage problem to be over soon.

Kidnappers, who demanded swaps of hostages for prisoners since U.N. mediation began in August, freed Briton Terry Waite and American Thomas Sutherland last Monday without a release by Israel. The Tehran Times said two days later that one or more hostages would be freed within two weeks and the rest by the end of the year.

Western diplomats said the

kidnappers apparently crumbled to Iranian pressure to end the hostage crisis unconditionally.

The Iranian decision to free the hostages was taken and is irreversible despite the peace talks, another source said.

Before the Middle East peace

talks began in Madrid on Oct.

30 "an appropriate price for the

hostages plus news of Israeli cap-

tives (missing in Lebanon) was the

Arah prisoners," he said.

"But after the peace moves

sponsored by America started,

the price for the Israeli prisoners

or their remains has changed."

A total of six Westerners have been freed since U.N. chief Javier Perez de Cuellar began mediating to resolve the middle

East hostage crisis at the request

of the Lebanese kidnappers.

Israel freed 66 Arabs and re-

turned nine dead guerrillas in

September and October in ex-

change for confirmed information

that two of its six servicemen

missing in Lebanon were dead.

Israel, which says it only frees

its Arah prisoners in exchange for

its word or the return of its

missing servicemen, won thanks

from Washington for cooperating

with the swaps.

The Jewish state received the

body of a seventh serviceman in

September in return for allowing

an exiled Palestinian activist back

to his home in the Israeli-occupied

West Bank.

One pro-Iranian source said

separating the hostage and Arah

prisoner issues had deprived

Israel of the chance of winning

U.S. support at the peace talks in

return for the Jewish state's coop-

eration with U.N.-mediated pris-

oner-for-hostages swaps.

"The Syrians can now use their

positive dealing with the U.S.

reflected in their major role in

freeing hostages, to win a larger

margin to confront hardline

Iraqi stands," he added.

Ending the hostage crisis also

helped Tehran improve its ties

with the West, notably Europe,

and eased increasing American

pressure on Iran.

He said the policy switch had

ensured that "the (Western) hos-

tege file is closed, hopefully

forever."

North disclaims knowledge of CIA link with Waite

LONDON (R) — Colonel Oliver North arrived in London Sunday saying he knew nothing about suggestions that freed British hostage Terry Waite had been working with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Since Mr. Waite was released last week after 1,763 days in captivity in Lebanon there has been intense speculation he might have acted as an unwitting front man for the CIA in its conspiracy to swap arms for hostages.

Asked as he arrived at London's Heathrow airport whether Mr. Waite, a Church of England envoy, had been working for the CIA, Col. North told reporters: "Not to my knowledge."

Questioned about whether Mr. Waite had been working with him during his last visit to Beirut to rescue Western hostages, Col. North said: "He wasn't. I'd been fired by them."

Mr. Waite was seized in January 1987, two months after the "Iranagate" scandal broke with revelations that Washington secretly sold arms to Iran in return for hostages. Mr. Waite insisted before his last mission he did not know of the deal.

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Israelis call U.S. action on invitations 'shabby, undignified'

WASHINGTON — Officials in the Bush administration "have obviously never heard of Mrs. Bashi," remarked one Israeli diplomat, as the team accompanying Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir boarded their plane to New York at Andrews Air Force base, after what had been one of Shamir's most frustrating and even embarrassing visits to Washington.

Mrs. Bashi, the well-known Israeli who made a living advising people on good manners and proper behaviour, could have offered the Bush administration some pointers. Apparently, the diplomat felt that Secretary of State James Baker could have used tips on politeness: namely, that it is bad form to send an invitation to peace talks in Washington to the Israeli foreign ministry while the prime minister of Israel is preparing for a White House meeting with President Bush and continuing to voice his objections to holding the talks in Washington.

But Shamir would give him no such satisfaction. He insisted the meeting that the issue of venue is still under discussion, and said numerous times that nothing has been finalised.

"We did not reach an agreement and we think the issue will continue to be discussed," he said after the meeting.

There is a sense among Israeli officials that the Arabs could have been convinced to fly to Washington to the Foreign Ministry if Baker had informed Shamir at the end of their talks on Thursday, of the U.S. intention to mail out invitations, and that the invitations would go out in "coming days," with or without Israel's agreement to Washington.

The precedent of the invitations is frightening to Israeli leaders, who wonder privately that if Bush could so easily brush aside Shamir's concerns over the site of the talks, that they could just as easily ignore Israeli security worries in their haste to preserve the momentum of the peace process and score a diplomatic success — Jerusalem Post.

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Crown Prince calls for 'international human order'

By Serene Halasa

Special to the Jordan Times
AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, accompanied by his wife Princess Sarvath, opened the first International Youth Congress held at the Amman Baccalaureate School Sunday.

Organised by the Student Council of the Amman Baccalaureate School, the International Youth Congress hosts a number of students from countries all over the world. These include students from Germany, India, the United States, Kenya, Tanzania, Belgium, Greece, Syria, Singapore, Malaysia and France.

The idea of holding such an international gathering was born out of a need, by students who watched at close hand the horrors of the Gulf war, to emphasise the importance of peace and harmony in the world. Thus the theme adopted at the congress was "Uniting a Divided World."

Chairing the opening session of the congress was Crown Prince Hassan, who gave a welcoming speech to visitors, students and organisers of the event.

In his speech, the Crown Prince highlighted the need to have "a code of international conduct in time of peace." He said that he had called for the establishment of such a code in Jordan 10 years ago, confirming that such a code would protect people at all times and would pave the way for an international humanitarian order."

His Highness also spoke of the "spontaneous human goodness," saying that this goodness makes it easier for people and societies to deal with each other.

Referring to the new world order, the Crown Prince asked "can a new world order work?" he said that in order



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday addresses the first International Youth Congress in Amman (Petra photo)

for it to work, the whole world must address challenges.

"Politics where people matter" and reaching equity among nations, especially in Third World countries where many children still suffer and die from malnutrition and poor health conditions, are among these challenges, he said.

The Prince also discussed Jordan's role in the new world order, the importance of its geographic location and the obstacles and challenges facing it as a nation, especially after the influx of refugees from the Gulf.

Prince Hassan also called on rich and developed nations to adopt and apply a single criteria with regard to various issues related to migrations, the environment and armament. He spoke of the importance of peace in the region and

the restoration of the Palestinians' right of self-determination on their own homeland.

Dr. Kamal Salibi, an author and professor at the American University of Beirut, was invited as a guest speaker by His Royal Highness to address the congress. Dr. Salibi discussed the recent history of the region, outlining the different stages and political ideologies witnessed by the Arab World over the years.

"I am very glad to be here, it is very interesting," said Eylon Alexander, a 17-year-old student from Germany. "I wanted to see what its like and to know the situation in the Middle East to see where I stand in this conflict."

Another 17-year-old German student, Caroien Van Der Vliet, who lived in Israel for six years, said that she

participated in this conference in order to learn more about the Arabs' point of view.

"I think it was very strange to see that the name of Israel was omitted from the school atlas," she said. "I hope that this would help me see both sides of the story to enable me to make a judgement."

Also speaking in the opening sessions were Samia al Faqih, the principal of the school, Mohammad Alayyan, president of the Student Council who welcomed the visitors and students and expressed their appreciation for holding such a convention at this critical period in time. Nicholas Bowley, head of the Senior School, who helped the students organise this international event, also gave a speech thanking Their Royal Highnesses for patronising the event.

Subjects on the agenda include economic and technical aspects of the fodder processing industry,

standards and specifications, production of fodder centres, modern trends in production techniques and plans adopted for promoting the industry in the Arab World.

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Unions call on Labour Ministry to address concerns

AMMAN (Petra) — President of the Central Council of the General Federation of Trade Unions (GFTU) Khalil Abu Khurma Sunday called on the Labour Ministry to safeguard the rights of labourers, particularly at this time when unemployment rate is high.

He said that the aggravating unemployment problems and the summary dismissal of labourers from their jobs with private sector institutions warrant speedy action on the part of the GFTU and the Labour Ministry. He added that the ministry had a major role in defining the path which labour unions should follow at this particular time.

Mr. Abu Khurma blamed the failure of work institutions for the summary dismissal of workers. "Workers are paying the price for the failure of private sector institutions' management, which tries to conceal the genuine reasons of their failure," he said.

Mr. Abu Khurma cited the dispute between workers in the Jordan Tourism and Spa Complex Company and the company's management as an example of this trend being pursued by private sector institutions. The company has recently laid off a number of workers citing a reorganisation plan.

Mr. Khurma said that the GFTU has held several meetings with the company's management in a bid to settle the issue and reinstate the dismissed workers. But the company aborted the GFTU's efforts, considering it as an interference in the management of its business.

Mr. Abu Khurma warned that if the company failed to address the problem, then a strike would be carried out.

Official calls for balancing developmental projects with environmental concerns

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates from 12 Middle Eastern countries gathered in Amman Sunday for a five-day regional symposium to conduct an assessment on the effects of development projects on environmental health.

According to a spokesman for the Amman-based Centre for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA), which is affiliated to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the delegates will examine means to protect the environmental and human health

through international cooperation.

Dr. Mamoun Maabreh, head of the Health Care Department at the Health Ministry, who opened the seminar on behalf of Health Minister Aref Bataineh, stressed the government's keenness on boosting cooperation with the WHO and its regional agencies in environmental health affairs.

Dr. Maabreh referred to the growing utilisation of natural materials in the countries of the region in a manner that has increased the dangers to the environment and public health. He said that such utilisation was not coupled with an equal level of attention to the questions of the environment and the dumping of industrial waste has continued

to increase.

Countries taking part in the meeting are Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

Mohammad's Army prosecution to rest today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The last session in the trial of an 18-member group, so-called Mohammad's Army, is scheduled to be held at the State Security Court today.

The last session, which was last Monday, included the summation of the defence lawyers and lasted four hours because different lawyers represent different defendants.

In the upcoming session, the court prosecutor is expected to make his last statement before the court can issue its verdict.

He had presented his summation to the court in the previous session, providing evidence on the involvement of the various accomplices in alleged terrorist action, including the attempt to change the country's constitution by force, to assassinate a number of prominent personalities and to carry out a series of acts of terrorism.

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Despite problems, industrial sector grows 1.1 per cent in 1990

AMMAN (J.T.) — Despite the difficult circumstances facing Jordan in 1990, the industrial sector achieved satisfactory progress with 1.1 per cent growth in the gross domestic product and an increase of national industrial exports by 15 per cent to a total of JD 112 million according to a report issued by the Amman Chamber of Industry Sunday.

The Jordanian industry's contribution to the gross domestic product increased thanks to convertible industries, whose share was estimated at 8.7 per cent, mines and stone quarries 11.1 per cent and electricity and water 12.3 per cent, the report found.

It said that the volume of industrial production last year re-

mained at almost the same level as the previous year.

The report pointed out that the Amman Chamber of Industry was increasing its efforts to find solutions to the problems facing factories and industrial businesses technically and administratively. It said that the chamber has been organising seminars, enlisting assistance from Arab and foreign experts to promote national industry and also to stimulate exports and find new markets for Jordan's manufactured products abroad.

This endeavour, it said, was also assisted through the organisation of trade and industrial fairs in cooperation with the Jordanian Commercial Centres

Corporation (JCCC) at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

The report expressed appreciation of the close cooperation between the government and the chamber for the settlement of industrial questions.

It was only a week ago when the Chamber of Industry reached a compromise with the Ministry of Finance over the introduction of the consumer tax, which brought about angry reactions from Jordanian industrialists.

Through dialogue and intensive efforts on the part of the chamber, the issue is now settled following the arrival at a compromise.

The chamber and the ministry agreed that factories will not pay

consumer tax if they had already paid duty on the primary goods and raw materials used in the manufacture of the products, thus avoiding dual taxation on the same commodity.

Also, the Ministry of Finance will not post customs officials at the factories to monitor production.

According to a chamber statement Sunday, a total of 5,189 industrial businesses either renewed their subscription to the chamber or registered as members for the first time last year, up from 4,076 in 1989.

According to chamber sources, certain industries badly affected by the Gulf crisis during 1990 are now picking up again with orders coming in from new markets.

Conference to focus on fodder industry in Arab World

AMMAN (J.T.) — The fodder industry in the Arab World will come under scrutiny at a four-day conference which will open in Amman Monday with the participation of representatives from the ministries of industry, agriculture, supply and trade and other parties concerned with the fodder industry in the Arab World.

The organisers said that non-traditional techniques in the fodder processing industry will also be taken up by participants, who also include delegates from Arab universities and Arab chambers of agriculture, industry and trade.

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Queen Noor opens new workshops at Ruseifa centre

RUSEIFA (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday opened new workshops at the Ruseifa Rehabilitation Centre, which is run by the Ministry of Social Development.

The Queen toured the different sections and new and old workshops and met with trainees and instructors.

Yassin Hudeib, the centre's director, briefed Queen Noor on the centre's development since its establishment in 1973. The old centre had only four workshops offering training to 14 handicapped persons in simple trades, but the workshops have now increased to 14, offering training to 150 male and female handicapped persons, he said.

The old workshops have been developed and improved with financial contributions from the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) according to the director.

He said that the trainees include those with hearing and physical disabilities who are trained in welding, wood work, auto mechanics, car body repair, upholstery, book binding, dress making, tricot and flower arrangement.

Apart from training, handicapped students receive medical, dental and social services and training in fields which are near their abilities.

The centre, Mr. Hudeib added, has plans for a workshop to employ handicapped graduates, enabling them to sell their products, and will open a physiotherapy unit for the benefit of the trainees.

Sudan to begin exporting food to Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — Shipments of basic food supplies, including red and white meat as well as onions, potatoes and garlic, will be arriving in Jordan in the next few months to implementation of a protocol signed last September with Sudan between the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) and that country.

The announcement was made by JCO Director General Jamal Bedour, who said that Jordan export to Sudan building materials, white cement, iron, veterinary drugs, medicines and equipment used in agricultural and industrial production.

Under the protocol, the two sides will exchange agricultural and industrial products, especially those produced by the cooperative societies in the two countries, Dr. Bedour said. He said that the protocol aims at encouraging cooperatives in Jordan and Sudan to promote their production with special attention to be given to the production of the women organisations.

Dr. Bedour said that the JCO will cooperate with the Sudanese cooperatives in matters related to the settlement of bedouin tribes agricultural production and marketing of cooperative products as well as setting up associations of livestock farmers.

Seminar on water resources opens today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar on water resources in the Middle East will open at the Jerusalem Hotel today with the participation of nine Middle Eastern countries, including Jordan.

Topics on the agenda include the water resources of the region, studies on the needs of each of the participating countries, diagnosis of the water problems.

analysis of plans to deal with the water shortage issue and future prospects, according to the Amman-based Middle East Studies Centre, which is organising the meeting.

The two-day seminar, they said, will review working papers submitted by the delegates of the nine countries: Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Egypt, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran in addition to experts concerned with the weather situation in the region.

According to the organisers, the participants will be taken on tours of the Jordan Valley region and the Kirog Talal Dam as well as other water projects in the Kingdom.

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Invitation bears message

WASHINGTON'S decision to issue invitations to the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict to attend the second round of bilateral negotiations in Washington on Dec. 4 without prior clearance from Israel and the Arabs may have been intended to drive home the point that the U.S. will call the shots if necessary to advance the peace process. Reports from Tel Aviv describe the Israeli government as flabbergasted by the sudden news that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker had sent the invitations without waiting for a prior Israeli response and by the way the invitation was made protocol-wise. As can be judged from the letters of invitations dispatched to the various parties, the U.S. government waited long enough for the parties to agree on the venue and timing of the second stage peace talks and decided to make a unilateral decision to name the place and time of these parleys after giving up on the parties to agree on them among themselves. There is no doubt that Israel and Israel alone was responsible for the stalemate on determining the location and date of the talks by blocking one option after the other and insisting on its own definition of an appropriate site for the negotiations. In so doing, we like to think that the U.S. is sending a clear signal to Israel in general and to its Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in particular that the Bush administration is determined to see through the ongoing peace process and that Israel's delaying or derailing tactics will not be tolerated. In thinking in those terms, there should be a growing sense of optimism among the Arab parties which have advocated all along a stronger presence and clout for the host countries in the current peace efforts to settle once and for all the Palestinian problem and the wider Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of international legitimacy as pronounced by U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Undoubtedly, Israel, in the final analysis, will accede to the U.S. invitations because it cannot afford not to. What Shamir will probably try to do now is extract some concessions and exact a sizable price in return for his reluctant agreement to the invitation insinuating that he has made great sacrifices in going along with the terms and conditions of the Baker invitation. It must be recalled in this vein, that Israel got most of its conditions met on the modalities of the first round of negotiations. Having succeeded in imposing its conditions on the first stage of talks, Israel may have the erroneous impression that it can succeed once again in insisting on its own terms for conducting the coming peace talks.

To pre-empt Israel, it is only right on our part to respond favourably to the invitation, even though we have to learn to deal differently with the price tag involved. That in itself shows the real stand of Jordan on the peace process. Once a decision was taken to wage peace, no effort must be spared to facilitate the success of the peace efforts especially when it is based on the strong rockbed of international legitimacy and justice. It is no accident that the Palestinians have been equally warm to the invitation and by being positive they have also amply demonstrated once again that they are totally committed to the current peace process. No doubt Israel will be the last to reply to the call for the resumption of the talks and in so doing it will have demonstrated once again that it is a reluctant party to the quest for peace in the Middle East. Under no circumstances, however, should it be allowed to get away with its dangerous games and procrastination, especially that the Americans have a most potent weapon in furnishing or withholding the \$10 billion loan guarantees. In the end, the spoiled child has to learn discipline; otherwise, things might get out of hand and not only one party will pay the price for it.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Sunday commented on the prime minister's statement at the first Cabinet meeting in which he stressed the government's intention to go ahead with plans to bring into being laws on political parties and to tackle the chronic economic questions facing Jordan. In its first meeting, the Cabinet pledged to take action and deal effectively with domestic issues and to pursue the peace process with all its might, said Al Ra'i. The paper noted with satisfaction the new government's determination to enhance the process of democracy and protect public freedoms, and also to deal immediately and seriously with such questions as poverty, unemployment and poor public administration performance. It said that by giving these issues priority on the agenda, the government was bound to address difficulties and given resolve and determination, it will no doubt achieve good results. The paper also noted with satisfaction the new government's determination to move ahead towards ending differences with other Arab states and its plans to pursue the peace process and uphold the Palestinian people's rights. It said that through fruitful cooperation with the legislative authority all these important issues can be settled, thus safeguarding the bigger national interests.

IT SEEMS that Israel has reconsidered its position and stopped rejecting the demands and directions of the U.S. administration, said **Sai Al Shabab** daily. The paper said that in his meeting with the U.S. president, Prime Minister Shamir could not refuse the American demand of resuming the peace negotiations in Washington on Dec. 4, though he did that reluctantly. His acceptance of the venue for the negotiations conflicted with the total refusal displayed by the Israeli government earlier when Tel Aviv had demanded that the negotiations should be held in the Middle East, the paper said. This does not mean that the Israelis have lost their influence on the Bush administration, but it indicates that Israel has at least lost some of its political credibility, the paper said.

Weekly Political Pulse



By Waleed Sadi

New government boosts confidence in democracy

IS democracy in Jordan as reflected in the current Lower House of Parliament functioning? This is certainly a legitimate question in view of at least four manifestations of such faltering which in their cumulative sense may suggest that the recent democratisation process in the country has faced some serious setbacks. It all began with the sidestepping of the Lower House of Parliament on the occasion of the adoption of the National Charter back in June of 1991. It was certainly no small token of lingering reservation on Parliament when it was bypassed during the articulation and adoption of the Charter.

Going over the heads of the democratically elected parliamentarians on such a critical and solemn occasion may have been a clear signal that all is not well with the existing Lower House and the shade of democracy that it had revealed. Yet on that score alone, there were indeed pressing and persuasive reasons to "ignore" Parliament since its composition was in essence determined by archaic rules and regulations that the charter aimed to redress. It was inconceivable, therefore, that the very members of Parliament who were the direct beneficiaries of the old guidelines would consent to corrective measures that may mean the lessening of the chances of their reelection in the future.

On that basis, the stage was indeed set to sidestep Parliament with impunity since the purpose was the formulation of new guidelines for the practice of parliamentary democracy in the country. However, had the country stopped there, the bypassing of Parliament would have been indeed benign and justified. But the process of overriding it went on as if suggesting that the problem with the incumbent Parliament is indeed deeper than thought at the beginning. The best evidence of this was the occasion of convening another national congress in October of this year to endorse the peace process in the Middle East on the basis of international legitimacy. Under normal circumstances, the appropriate venue for debating the issues of war and peace

would have been Parliament itself since its composition is drawn from the elected representatives of the people. Yet, the choice was to hold another assembly of personalities carefully chosen but not democratically elected to deliberate on issues that are far-reaching and consequential for the entire Kingdom. The deliberate bypassing of Parliament on such a second solemn occasion thus came on the heels of the earlier opportunity to side step it.

In this sense, this second round of "foresaking" Parliament reinforced the earlier impression that all is not well with it or with the relationship between the executive and the legislative branches of government. In other words, had the first occasion to bypass Parliament been an isolated one, the differences between the two branches of government would have been contained and rendered explainable. But with the advent of yet another opportunity to let go of the Lower House, there grew ominous developments suggesting that the problem is anything but benign and may be indeed cancerous. And cancerous it was at least for a while. The proof of this came when the trend of "circumventing" Parliament entered a third stage. This was given expression when Parliament was given a "vacation" at a time when the peace process that aimed to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflicts was just about to be launched. It was clearly no accident, therefore, that the timing of this suspension of parliamentary life came on the eve of the Madrid peace conference that brought Arabs and Israeli delegations face to face for the first time in a long time.

The straw that may have broken the back of the present Parliament may have come when former Prime Minister Taher Masri's government lost parliamentary support over reasons more connected with the distribution of limited cabinet portfolios on the proliferating Cabinet post-seekers than with substantive issues facing the country. This did not augur well for the prestige and stature of the parliamentarians who had put personal political

gains over public welfare. Yet the formation of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker's government Thursday came to erase all the negative presumptions that democracy in Jordan even as revealed in the present Lower House is fumbling. Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker's government came to reaffirm the commitment of the country to the continuation of the democratic process and to confirm beyond a shadow of doubt, that democracy in Jordan is, indeed alive and kicking. To begin with, the Royal letter of designation to Sharif Zeid was overwhelmingly supportive of the democratisation trend in the Kingdom and dispelled any doubts about the faithful adherence of the nation to parliamentary democracy.

In calling on the new prime minister to get on with the task of adopting a new election law on the formation of political parties, His Majesty King Hussein made it unequivocally clear that pluralistic democracy is here to stay and it is going to be the mainstay of Jordanian democracy come what may. Moreover, the composition of the new Cabinet also reinforced the faith and trust in the incumbent Parliament as it is presently constituted.

The appointment of 10 members of the Cabinet from Parliament on the heels of Mr. Masri's insurmountable difficulties with the Lower House was an article of faith in the ability of the executive and legislative branches of government to forge once again a working relationship between them. Still, the adoption of legislations on political parties and election guidelines would create new conditions in the country that sooner or later would necessitate new elections. But given the fact that the elaboration of such pivotal legislations would require much time, the stage cannot be set for new elections until such time when new ground rules for democracy have become ready. In this sense, new elections are at least a year and a half away. Till then, the two branches of government will have to learn not only to coexist as peacefully as possible, but also as constructively as necessary.

Outwitting the Israeli propaganda machine

By Mohammad I. Ayish

LONG before the convening of the Mideast peace conference in Madrid, the general impression among many delegates, media people and even laymen had been that the historic gathering would always be remembered as no more than a ceremonial occasion marking first-time direct Arab-Israeli encounters since the Camp David accords. Although the conference was indeed meant to be ceremonial, with no enforceable powers, the highly conspicuous news media presence at the conference site and the skillful use of the occasion as a platform for airing long suppressed national Palestinian aspirations to worldwide audiences have transformed the parley into a media hoopla rarely witnessed in such international events.

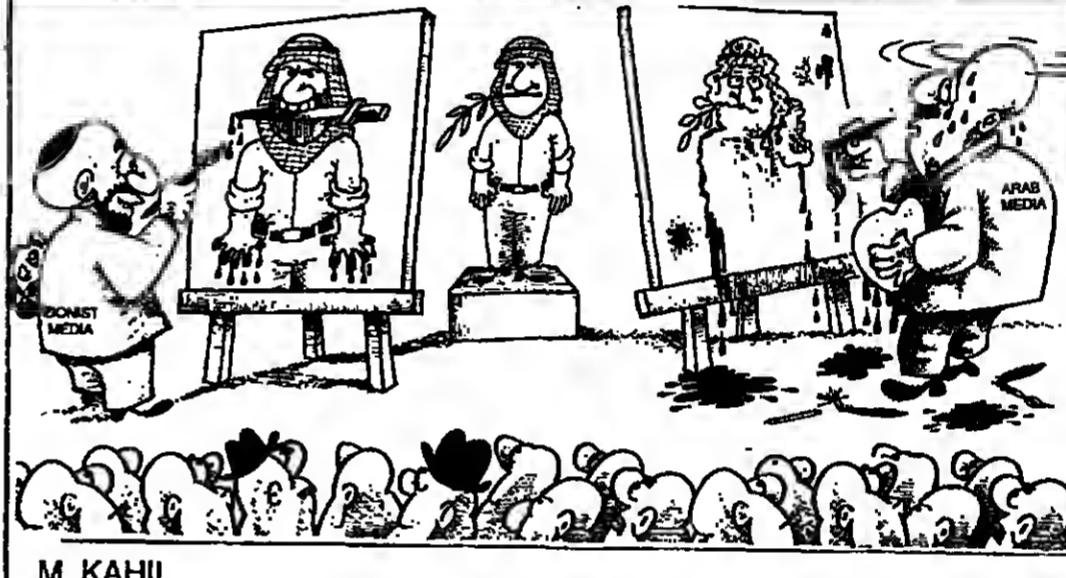
Aware of the public relations value of the conference, Arab and Israeli participants seemed to be talking to audiences in the U.S., the world and their own constituencies, far more than to each other, as one reporter observed. The mere attendance of the conference by Arab delegates and their Israeli counterparts has been viewed as a historic breakthrough that is certain to open up new horizons for the U.S.-sponsored peace process in the Middle East.

However, among the Arab delegations, it was the Palestinian negotiating team that seemed to have risen to prominence, gaining worldwide acclaim as its members strove to win the hearts and minds of millions in the West which until recently has conceived of Palestinians as virtually non-existent. What filtered through the iron curtain of the Israeli propaganda machine in North America and Western Europe were only stereotypes of Palestinians as backward, terrorist and anti-Semitic.

The spectacular performance put up by Palestinian spokespersons and delegates such as Dr. Hanan Ashrawi and Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi was bound to contribute to breaking up those stereotypes, at least on the long run. A moral victory was badly needed by the Palestinians, before embarking on bilateral talks with the Israelis, and they seemed to have won it in Madrid.

When one thinks of the "Madrid phenomenon" in which diplomacy and media joined forces to generate a Palestinian public relations victory, three factors come into play. These factors include a highly-Promessian Palestinian negotiating team; a conveniently-accessible huge pool of international media channels and an evolving global peace-oriented environment. The realisation of these three components seems to epitomise a genuine communication act unattainable by Palestinians through their 50-year long strife to carve out a respectable niche for themselves in modern history.

In the past, for many Westerners, Palestinians might have had a morally-valid message rooted in international legitimacy with articulate sources to deliver it. Yet, they lacked the channels to convey that message to target audiences. There was a time, perhaps, when the Palestinians commanded both good messages, sources and media channels, but were frustrated by the spill-over effects of competitive cold war politics which seemed to have obfuscated



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speech delivered by Mr. Shamir himself, seemed to lack a genuine sense of realism and compromise exhibited by Arab speeches. Unlike those of the Arabs' rhetoric, the central themes of the Israelis were rooted in obsolete tenets of history that are no longer tenable.

By reiterating the traditional accusations against Syria as a breeding ground of international terrorism and by invoking Biblical references to "Eretz Israel," Mr. Shamir appeared to be too vulnerable to fend off the negative attitudes generated by the circulation of a British mandate "Wanted" advertisement showing him as a terrorist. Mr. Shamir's frequent attempts to win world sympathy through references to alleged Biblical Israeli rights to the Holy Land could not also withstand the simple human-oriented and legitimacy-grounded approaches of Arab and Palestinian spokesmen regarding the future of the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights and that of the Palestinians as a people. Mr. Shamir's anachronism was never a match for the forward-looking Arab posture at the conference.

Yet, regardless of the appealing nature of the Palestinian rhetoric and the alienating approach underlying Israeli speeches and statements, the Palestinian message of peace, justice and human recognition could not have been so sharp had it not been for a team of skilled men and women who proved to be effective communicators before being maverick diplomats. Diplomacy, after all, is intrinsically an art of communication.

The inclusion of competent academic and professional members such as Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi and Mamdouh Al Eker seems to underscore Palestinian keenness on bypassing past pitfalls associated with inarticulate messages communicated to foreign audiences. Dr. Ashrawi has been described as confidently giving events a Palestinian perspective,

"with greater authority than before." Dr. Abdal Shafi, with his credible and dignified demeanor aroused an impression of comfort on the part of audiences as he appeared on television screens. He seems to reverse many of the traditional images associated with Palestinians. More or less, all Palestinian spokesmen demonstrated a superb competency in English.

Extensive media channels

The Middle East peace conference in Madrid attracted perhaps the biggest crowd of media peo-

ple from around the world in recent years. One reporter described the conference as a virtually news factory-farm with a captive audience of newsmen breeding headlines and quotes, devouring space and time on the world's electronic and print channels.

Media reporting of the conference reached its peaks in live television and radio transmissions of speeches, press conferences and news briefings and interviews. Most of the live coverage was relayed by American Cable News Network (CNN) which has worldwide audiences in addition to its domestic subscribers in the United States.

The news value embodied in such event is that it is a historic occasion unprecedented in the 40-year history of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The direct involvement of the United States and of President George Bush personally in making this event come true this perhaps given more newsworthiness to it. The conference, after all, was a media event augmented by intensive media reporting of its sessions and other activities. This fact, fully clear to participants from Israel and Arab sides, has prompted both parties to mobilise their maximum resources to utilise the occasion to serve their interests. In many respects, media channels and negotiators shared a relationship of mutual benefits by which the former would be provided with newsworthy information in exchange for making such information accessible to millions of audiences in different countries.

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The mere availability of media channels may not necessarily mean a genuinely objective and accurate communication of Palestinian views and positions. Zionist controls on media outlets in the United States could have served to distort Palestinian statements through out-of-context quotes, sound bites and radio actualities or through the selective transmission of information as U.S. communication scholar Michael Emery pointed out in a recent article published in this paper.

Because media attempts at distortion are still rather hypothetical, a systematic investigation of patterns of peace conference coverage is crucial for making scientific statements on the issue. The changing nature of the Palestinian political rhetoric may

have caused traditional pro-Israeli media outlets to take a balanced approach to the parley. Again, this should be tackled in the context of a content analysis study of the coverage. What matters here is that regardless of how biased media were, the fact that the Palestinians were there at the conference representing "a nation under duress," as Dr. Ashrawi put it, and the fact that they exhibited political rationality and wonderful communication capabilities, seemed to have made it difficult for media of different political leanings to obfuscate their newly-emerging images.

The new international environment

The speed and volume of global changes over the past five years are stunning. Those years have not seen only the crumbling of a far-flung Soviet empire and the inclusion of English as a language of the speech and the inclusion of highly-competent delegates capable of communicating with Western audiences gives credence to the notion that the battle in Madrid was for winning the hearts and minds of people around the world rather than for enabling adversaries to talk to each other. For Palestinians, why not do it as the Israeli propaganda machine has long had an influential bearing on Western public opinion?

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before the Palestinian's eyes. Iraq was driven out of Kuwait, harshly-punished for it; the Islamic Republic gained their independence after years of Soviet hegemony; many totalitarian systems underwent democratic changes and regional conflicts like those in Cambodia and Afghanistan are being resolved through negotiations.

Although the Palestinians and the Arabs believe that the conflict with Israel represents a highly-exceptional case that does not bear many similarities with other conflicts around the world, they still see that the new world setting embodies quite a few encouraging elements harmonious with their positions. Backed up by scores of U.N. resolutions, American promises for adopting one standard dealing with the Mideast conflict, a deep conviction in the equity of their cause, and more importantly, a four-year long outcry of Palestinian intifada, the Palestinians decided to navigate the stormy waters of peace.

Although the Madrid peace conference was a ceremonial gathering held in the midst of a media-rich setting, it was seen as a forum for addressing ruling elites and public opinion in the world in general and in the West in particular. This approach is underlined by belief in the role of public opinion in Western societies in foreign policy decision-making. A well-informed public opinion on the Palestinians is likely to generate more favourable foreign policies on the issue.

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Because it is rather difficult to make statements about how the mid-Palestinian rhetoric was perceived among audiences around the world, survey studies based on good sampling techniques could yield interesting results on the potential effects of Palestinian and Arab speeches, statements and press briefings may seek to gather data on the volume of information gained by audiences on the issue as well as on attitudes and behaviours related to their roles in shaping their countries' policies toward the Middle East. After all, Arab and Palestinian delegations did not go to Madrid just to wage a public relations war for its own sake, but to pave the way for tangible actions on the ground, leading to the attainment of their rights. So far, in this respect, the Arab negotiating teams seem to be moving on the right track.

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The enchanting world of children's book

By Kerstin Pudeko-Wieske

BONN — "Reading is the scourge of childhood" J.J. Rousseau stated in 1762 in Emile, his trailblazing "roman éducatif". Children should be bored with books as late as possible; they should be taught about nature and given instruction in manual skills, and allowed their freedom and joy of movement "otherwise we shall have young doctors and old children." It was at that time that the endless debate on the suitability of books for children began; the argument about suitable subject matter, ideas and didactics which has lasted to the present day. There were hardly any books written specifically for children, apart from textbooks, primers on morals and manners, and catechisms.

For centuries, European children had been treated like miniature versions of the human species who were capable of improvement; they were to be tamed and drilled at an early stage according to adult norms. It was the perspicacity of the rationalists in regard to children's ideas and interests that first brought about literature for children in Europe — literature which has since reached immense proportions. With some 120,000 children's books, the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek, Berlin, boasts the major collection of such books in the whole world; it includes 35,000 volumes in 67 languages from 76 different countries, 42,000 children's books in the German language and 43,000 bibliophile gems printed between the 16th century and 1945. Since 1951, the children's book department at the former Preußische Staatsbibliothek Unter den Linden has been systematically developed as a model collection by East Berlin librarians.

A superb selection of these

books was exhibited by the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK) in its Bonn premises; next year it will be on show in Berlin and other cities. Like the pan-German cultural landscape, the quiet book haven have also been set in motion since Oct. 3, 1990, German Unification day. The Staatsbibliothek Ost (State Library East) has now been amalgamated with its West Berlin counterpart, which opened in its new building in the Potsdamer Straße in 1978, under the SPK's roof. Whilst the building dating from the last Kaiser's era in Unter Linden is undergoing complete redevelopment and brought into line with present-day technical standards, both libraries are being reorganized — a mean task with 1,000 members of staff and 12 million books.

The complete stock of modern literature and lending facilities are concentrated in the western library which was designed to provide efficient service from the start. The precious books from both libraries are to be housed in the renovated older building; a reference library where researchers can study priceless manuscripts, music scores, maps, rare printed works and the famous children's library. As a general rule, children's books were not considered worthy of collection; after all, public libraries are oriented towards scientific and economic progress. It was only a few decades ago that many large libraries in other countries began to make special collections of this nature.

It proved difficult and expensive to find old primers in good condition published from the 16th century onwards — but regularly tattered by young readers. There are charmingly illustrated spelling-books from A for Apple and B for Bear to Z for Zoo, such as J.H. Campe's Bilder-Abecce pub-



The title page of the novel Robinson Crusoe, published in 1745 (Photo INP Catalogue)

lished in 1807, and similarly attractive books from France and Italy. The initial reading fun was followed by more serious literature: Erasmus of Rotterdam's *Sittenbüchlein* in Latin (1537) the prototype of the countless educational books which exhorted children to fulfil their duty, to have

good manners and to be pious.

The folktales collected by Charles Perrault (1697), by Musäus (1804), the Grimm brothers (1812-15), and Hans Christian Andersen, are among the everlasting children's books.

Etchers and painters embellished the popular fables of

Aesop and La Fontaine. Although Rousseau, in his time, criticized them for their morals, based on cunning and egotism, the kingdom of talking animals, just as it does in fairytales, now flickers daily across our TV screen, which has, to a great extent, taken over the instruction, entertainment and control of small children. Is the end of children's literature imminent, a relapse into illiteracy? It's quite conceivable and can be explained in part by the unattractive mass production of artless and vulgar children's books. This trend is being counteracted by nonfictional works, illustrated dictionaries

and encyclopedias which, ever since J.A. Comenius's *Orbis pictus* (1658), kindle the desire to learn about real facts in nature and society. A splendid example of such illustrated nonfiction is the book published by F.J. Berne in Weimar (1790).

Books for older children at the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek are also of interest because they clearly reflect the national education ideals and differing roles allocated to boys and girls respectively. The instrumentalization of children's books for chauvinist, ideological or military purposes — which existed and still exist almost everywhere — is not reflected in the collection.

On the other hand, the prototypes of adventure and travel novels are splendidly represented — starting with Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* (1719) which, in its abbreviated and edited form by Campe in 1779 — became a classic and has been constantly reprinted and imitated ever since; it was Rousseau, moreover, who stimulated European predilection for "Robinsonades." Not least, we encounter such evergreens as *Struwwelpeter* (1845) and his imitations *Max und Moritz* (1865) as the precursors of American comics, English and Russian children's books, all beautifully illus-

trated in Art Nouveau style, children's detective stories, such as *Erich Kästner's Emil und die Detektive* (1920) and his pacifist fable *Die Konferenz der Tiere* (1950), based on an idea by Jella Lepmann. It was the latter who founded the International YOUTH Library (International Jugendbibliothek) in Schloss Blutenburg, near Munich, in 1948. The prestigious Institut für Jungforschung (Youth Research Institute) in Frankfurt provides information on this subject with, inter alia, an excellent model collection.

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Shamir reverts to hardline positions

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raise the issue of the loan guarantees during his Friday meeting with President George Bush. He said the entire discussion focused on the venue for the next round of peace talks.

However, when asked whether he would consider suspending the settlements in return for the loan guarantees, Mr. Shamir said, "We have a full right to build whatever we wish" in land "we say is ours."

Mr. Shamir said that President Bush refused what some analysts consider the Arab perception that the administration is inclined to support the establishment of a Palestinian state with part of Jerusalem as its capital: "The president told me this is not true ... if they think so they will have deep frustration."

Mr. Shamir said Israel's decision to accept Washington's invitation to talks in the U.S. would be announced following consultation with his cabinet.

However, he affirmed that the Middle East peace process which began last month in Madrid was still on track.

"We are interested in this process," he said. "We want to go along with it."

He said Israel had logistical difficulties with the Washington venue and that was why he had to consult with his cabinet before announcing a decision.

The U.S. State Department

sent invitations early on Friday to Israel, Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to meet in Washington on Dec. 4.

In a speech to more than 1,000 Jewish supporters at a Manhattan synagogue on Saturday night, Mr. Shamir said, "We cannot possibly agree to partition Israel again."

"There is simply no room for two states in such a small area. That would be a formula for constant friction and conflict which we are doing our best to eliminate," he said.

In his speech, Mr. Shamir reiterated Israel's commitment to the absorption of more than 400,000 Jewish immigrants.

"That is our raison d'être," he said. "That is why the Jewish state was brought into being — to provide a home for the Jewish people, to provide a refuge for those feeling from danger."

Mr. Shamir had told reporters Friday after meeting Mr. Bush that Israeli settlements in the Golan Heights, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip were an understandable problem for the Arabs — a problem he was willing to discuss in the negotiations.

But Mr. Shamir reverted on Saturday to Israel's hardline approach regarding the settlements.

"Yes, from a security point of view, it makes a great deal of difference whether our country is 15 kilometers wide in parts or 70 kilometers wide.

Officially, Israel is still pressing

for talks in the region.

Despite the nuttiness, the U.S. announcement was no surprise. It had been anticipated ever since Israel rejected Madrid as the place for further direct negotiations with Syria, Lebanon and the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation.

Washington warned then it would name the venue in two weeks if the participants had not reached agreement. There had been no indication of serious efforts to find a site — Israel had initially ruled out even Cyprus, the site it now favours.

Israelis say the United States and Israel no longer seem to share the same goals.

"There is no doubt at all we are speaking of an administration that doesn't try or pretend to show — even for appearances — some amount of friendship or an effort to coordinate as was common with other administrations," said Health Minister Ehud Olmert, another Shamir stalwart.

The latest clash in Israeli-U.S. relations is over the second round of peace talks, with Israeli officials angry that President Bush invited the participants to Washington on Dec. 4 without first getting Israeli agreement.

"On a matter so serious, substantial in our lives, when we want to bring to an end so painful a chapter of 40 years of war, it's impossible to speak in terms of an ultimatum," Mr. Katzav said in what looked like a coordinated government attack.

But Mr. Bush met Mr. Shamir last Friday, the invitations to talks in Washington had already gone out. Mr. Bush had also advised Mr. Shamir against raising the question of loan guarantees until next year.

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Holyfield survives unexpectedly strong challenge from Cooper

ANTA, Georgia (R) — Under Holyfield's second heavywieght title defence he was supposed to be just a work-out against a journeyman fighter. But it nearly cost the champion his title and \$30 million.

Holyfield almost lost his crown Saturday before a hometown crowd of nearly 13,000 when Bert Cooper sent him reeling along the ropes in the third round.

Only the ropes and an eight-count by the referee saved the undisputed champion.

But Holyfield roared back in the same round with a tremendous display of heart, turning on Cooper and raining 17 consecutive punches on him.

Holyfield, now 27-0, went on to stop the challenger in the seventh round after hitting him with 21 shots in succession to force referee Mills Lane to stop the scheduled 12-round fight at two minutes 58 seconds of the round.

The victory preserved hopes of a \$30 million fight against Mike Tyson. That fight hones on the former champion's trial on rape charges which is scheduled to begin on Jan. 27.

Saturday's bout had been billed as "the homecoming" — Holyfield's first professional fight in his hometown.

But in a sense it was a homecoming for Cooper, the former drug abuser who was supposed to be a punchbag for the faster, more handsome, more glamorous and certainly richer champion.

Cooper came in from the cold as a fighter. He regained the respect he had lost so miserably two years ago when he quit on the stool against George Foreman.

After that it appeared Cooper, now 25, would for the rest of his career be just an opponent, a stepping stone for younger, more promising fighters.

But the challenger kept chugging after Holyfield. Cooper, sometimes smiling slightly through bloody lips, buried his head in the champion's chest. He was willing to take vicious uppercuts in close through his crossed arms for the chance to fire off new punches of his own.

But perhaps taking on the fight with less than a week's notice and not sparing for the last two weeks kept him from being the new heavyweight champion.

Holyfield originally agreed to fight Tyson for \$30 million on Nov. 8 but a rib injury forced Tyson to pull out a month before-hand.

Holyfield then signed to fight light-bitting Italian Francesco Damiani Saturday. But Damiani also withdrew with an injury and Holyfield's promoter, Dan Duvu, scrambled around for a replacement.

Holyfield and Cooper had words of praise for each other.

"He fought his heart out and I have to commend him," said Holyfield, who earned about \$6 million for the fight.

"I just want to say one thing: He's still the champ," said Cooper, now 26-8. "I can't take any-

thing away from him."

Lewis stops Biggs

Meanwhile European heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis of Britain kept his unbeaten record intact by knocking down American Tyrell Biggs three times in the third round Saturday.

Referee Frank Santore of the United States stepped in and stopped the fight at two minutes 47 seconds of the round, under the three-knockdown rule. That rule requires the fight stopped when one man goes down three times in a round.

Lewis dropped Biggs with a right cross the first time in the third round and after Biggs got up at the count of nine immediately decked him again with another right.

Biggs tried to cover up against the ropes, but spun into the middle of the ring and Lewis caught him again with a right hand to send the American sprawling.

Lewis won the first round handily, catching Biggs late in the round with two strong right hands to the head. Biggs did not take advantage of numerous opportunities to counter-punch the Briton.

Lewis opened up a cut on Biggs' lip and his nose began to bleed a bit in the second round.

Lewis raised his record to 18-0

and Biggs dropped to 19-5.

Leeds beats Aston Villa 4-1 to move top of league

LONDON (R) — Leeds United moved back to the top of the English first division with an emphatic 4-1 win at Aston Villa Sunday.

Striker Lee Chapman scored two goals as Leeds overcame fourth-placed Villa and climbed one point clear of Manchester United, who have a game in hand. United beat West Ham 2-1 Saturday.

Three goals in the space of 16 minutes either side of half-time added the third to the 56th.

U.S. challenger Golden Pheasant wins Japan Cup

TOKYO (R) — Golden Pheasant, the lone U.S. challenger, burst into the lead down the final straight and held off fancied French filly Magic Night by 1½ lengths to win Sunday's Japan Cup.

Jockey Gary Stevens kept the 17-1 long shot in the pack until the final bend to save energy for his last spurt past the early pacesetter, home-trained outsider George Monarch.

"I was very confident when we came around the (final) corner," said Stevens, who held back Golden Pheasant, winner of last year's Arlington Million, until hitting the final straight and surging ahead.

Stevens said afterwards he was concerned about saving his mount's energy for the last stretch.

"That was not a strategy. I was more concerned about the distance (1½ miles)," said Stevens.

With two furlongs to go, Stevens sent the five-year-old from the outside into the lead with the 5-1 chance Magic Night and Shaftesbury Avenue, a 14-1 shot from Australia, challenging strongly on the inside.

But when Stevens asked the horse for more, he got it and held on to win.

"He (Golden Pheasant) was taking my lead on the stretch. In the last furlong, I urged him and he responded."

The victory was worth 156 million yen (\$1.2 million) for American owner Bruce McNali.

Navratilova served extremely well for a set and a half and returned serve brilliantly throughout to subdue Novotna, this year's Australian Open runner-up.

She seized control of the net early and rarely allowed the Czechoslovak to get her serve and volley game going.

Navratilova won 12 of the first 13 points and led 4-0 before Novotna won her lone game of

Seles crushes Sabatini to meet Navratilova in final

NEW YORK (R) — Top seed and defending champion Monica Seles overwhelmed third seed Gabriela Sabatini 6-1, 6-1 Saturday to reach the final of the Virginia Slims Championships where she will face five-time winner Martina Navratilova.

With her crushing 47-minute semifinals victory in the \$3-million season finale, Seles completed an amazing streak by reaching 16 finals in 16 tournaments where she has played this year.

Only Steffi Graf has gone through an entire year without losing prior to the final, accomplishing the feat in 1987 and again in 1989.

Earlier Saturday, Navratilova reached her 12th championships by eliminating eighth seed Jana Novotna 6-1, 6-4 in 55 minutes. Novotna had upset second seed Graf to reach the semifinals.

The 35-year-old fourth seed, who last won this event in 1986, is now just one win shy of breaking the all-time titles mark of 157 she shares with retired star Chris Evert.

The 17-year-old Seles beat Navratilova decisively in this year's U.S. Open final.

But Navratilova has been playing her best tennis of the year since then. The nine-time Wimbledon champion, now in her fifth successive final, beat Seles in Oakland two weeks ago.

"Martina is in great form," said Seles, winner of nine titles this year, including the Australian, French and U.S. Opens. "It's just incredible when you think how old Martina is and she's playing so well."

Seles, who claimed to be tired after a tough win over Mary Joe Fernandez Friday, put on an awesome display in a match that was in no way reminiscent of the epic five-set struggle she won in last year's final against Sabatini.

A packed Madison Square Garden crowd, solidly behind the third seed, was unable to get Sabatini into the match.

The 21-year-old Argentine looked helpless for most of the one-sided affair as she watched balls whiz past her. And she was never able to break out the attacking game that brought her the U.S. Open crown last year.

"I didn't have a chance to come to the net. I couldn't do anything," said Sabatini, the 1988 winner who had looked extremely sharp in turning back the tour's other teen sensation, sixth-ranked Jennifer Capriati, in the quarters.

"The best memory I have is from Amelia Island and Rome. I think those are the most memorable matches that I had," she said of a straight sets Florida win over Graf and an even easier victory over Seles at the Italian Open.

After winning in Rome, Sabatini needed to reach a final and win a tournament in her next two outings — Berlin and the French Open — to capture the number one ranking.

She came up short, losing in the French Open semifinals to Seles, but still held more 1991 tournament titles than any of her rivals.

After losing the Wimbledon final to Graf despite twice serving for the championship, Sabatini went into a Tailspin.

She looked shaky throughout the defense of her U.S. Open title — bowing out to Jennifer Capriati in the quarters — and never reached another final.

"I'm pleased with my performance in 1991," Sabatini said after ending the year with a 62-11 record.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY NOVEMBER 25, 1991

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GENERAL TENDENCIES

TUESDAY (November 26 to December 1) This midafternoon positive aspects are trying to put their best foot forward, laying out their own ideas and viewpoints regardless of the interest of others.

WEDNESDAY (December 2 to December 3) The morning brings the need for you to balance work and your new ideas so you really accomplish and in the evening get off with charmers.

THURSDAY (December 4 to December 5) Now you can think out and study the correct means by which to have more money in your pocket or bank account so get into these.

FRIDAY (December 6 to December 7) You are now able to find the exact means by which to please your personal contacts in the morning, then do just the rest of the day.

SATURDAY (December 8 to December 9) Now you are able to find the exact means by which to please your personal contacts in the morning, then do just the rest of the day.

SUNDAY (December 10 to December 11) You now have the opportunity to organize your outside affairs this morning so that you will be able to put them in effect in the evening with much success.

your family expects of you or that you would like your won quarters to be improved.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) This is your time to show you are the one who does listen to what usual associates have to say in the morning without comment, then at night speak your peace.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 22) Now you can think out and study the correct means by which to have more money in your pocket or bank account so get into these.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 to December 22) You are now able to find the exact means by which to please your personal contacts in the morning, then do just the rest of the day.

CAPRICORN: (December 23 to January 22) Whatever you would like to do that does necessary some highly original effort on your part can be studied in confidence at this time.

AQUARIUS: (January 23 to February 19) A day to be so very, very social that you see many friends and make some new ones you meet with those you have known for a long time.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You now have the opportunity to organize your outside affairs this morning so that you will be able to put them in effect in the evening with much success.

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Financial Markets In co-operation with Cairo Amman Bank U.S. Dollar in International Markets

Foreign Exchange Market Summary (November 18-November 22, 1991)

AMMAN — Following the New York Stock Exchange mini crash on Friday Nov. 15th, the dollar tracked down developments in the Dow Jones Industrial average during last week's trading sessions. In addition, the acceleration of the negative factors prevalent last week further helped to produce a second unfavourable week for the dollar. The U.S. currency thus ended the week an average of 1.66 per cent lower against the major European currencies, but marginally higher against the yen.

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New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the U.S. Dollar

Currency	15/11/91 Close	22/11/91 Close	Percent Change
Sterling Pound	1.7850	1.7535	-1.48%
Deutsche Mark	1.6190*	1.5845	-2.2%
Swiss Franc	1.4355	1.4105	-1.77%
French Franc	5.5345	5.4165	-2.18%
Japanese Yen	129.35	129.41	10.05%

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Euro-Currency Interest Rates*				
Currency	15/11/91			
	1-Month (%)	1-Year (%)	3-Month (%)	
U.S. Dollar	4.81	5.18	4.81	4.96
Sterling Pound	10.43	10.25	10.50	10.50
Deutsche Mark	8.93	9.25	9.12	9.37
Swiss Franc	7.56	7.75	7.75	7.81
French Franc	9.31	9.25	9.81	9.63
Japanese Yen	6.28	5.65	6.25	5.68

* Interbank. Mid rates for amounts exceeding £1,000,000 or equivalent.

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin		
Date: 22/11/91		
Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.678	0.680
Sterling Pound	1.2147	1.2203
Deutsche Mark	0.4276	0.4297
Swiss Franc	0.4804	0.4828
French Franc	0.125	0.1256
Japanese Yen	0.5235	0.5261
Dutch Guilder	0.3792	0.3811
Swedish Krona	0.1155	0.1161
Italian Lira	0.0565	0.0568
Belgian Franc	0.02075	0.02085

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Government drags sterling pound into vicious circle

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Sununu blames Bush for credit card comment

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Amid mounting speculation that his job is in jeopardy, White House chief of staff John Sununu blamed President George Bush Saturday for a comment on credit card interest rates that may have helped push down U.S. stocks.

"The president ad-libbed," the embattled chief of staff, Mr. Sununu, said in a taped television interview. He added later: "I think that was a presidential comment."

Mr. Sununu angrily challenged news reports last week that he wrote the comment into a speech Mr. Bush made in New York days before the market drop and repeated the denial in the interview.

"Absolutely not," he said.

Mr. Sununu denied that Mr. Bush's call for lower credit card interest rates contributed to the New York Stock Exchange's 120 point drop Nov. 15 but a number of stock market analysts said it did.

Mr. Sununu made the comment in the television interview "John McLaughlin's 'One On One,'" taped Friday and broadcast in some cities Saturday. It was aired in other cities Sunday.

Mr. Sununu took the extraordinary step of shifting blame to the president after a series of White House gaffes that looked like disarray as Mr. Bush heads into next year's reelection campaign — and put Mr. Sununu under fire.

"It's hard to see things continuing this way," an administration source who believes Mr. Sununu will lose or leave his White House job told Reuters.

"A lot of people are threatening not to work on the Bush campaign if he's in charge," the source said.

The New York Times said there was Republican speculation that Mr. Bush had already decided to replace Mr. Sununu and the Washington Post said there were unconfirmed reports that Mr. Bush plans a White House staff shake up.

But Martin Fitzwater said Friday that Mr. Bush had no plan to replace Mr. Sununu.

Mr. Fitzwater agreed that Mr. Bush's credit card comment was the president's own idea but disagreed with Mr. Sununu's account that it was an ad-lib. Mr. Fitzwater said someone in the White House had written it into Mr. Bush's speech.

Mr. Fitzwater said there was no way to know whether Mr. Bush's comment contributed to the stock market drop by Mr. Sununu said it did not.

Mr. Sununu said Mr. Bush only suggested that banks themselves should reduce credit card interest rates of about 19 per cent because other U.S. interest rates were down.

Mr. Sununu blamed the market drop on Senate approval of a mandatory cap on credit card interest rates that Mr. Sununu said Mr. Bush and all his aides oppose because that would force banks to cut off cards to poor-risk customers and hurt the economy.

The enormous growth in the credit card business has bestowed the power of the plastic to millions of low and middle income American consumers who didn't enjoy that privilege only a decade ago.

But now, the proliferation of credit cards has left card issuers — mostly the nation's troubled banks — facing difficult choices because of a backlash over the high interest rates they charge for the cards.

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Ecuador begins devaluating sucre

QUITO, Ecuador (R) — The Ecuadorian government approved a 10 per cent devaluation of the sucre Friday and said the currency would be allowed to fall further.

The official exchange rate with the dollar, which had been 1,125 sures to the dollar, was raised to around 1,250.

A government spokesman said that weekly "mini-devaluations" would begin Monday with another downward adjustment of about 3.5 sures to the dollar.

Friday's action was taken as part of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund in which Ecuador is seeking \$120 million in credits.

The so-called Group of 77, which includes some of the planet's poorest nations, warned the rich world that it should not try to strike a deal Uruguay Round of trade talks behind the back of developing countries.

But after Latin American protests that the group had no business interfering in the complex negotiations being held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the message was so watered down that it meant nothing.

A government statement said the devaluations had caused a 44 per cent drop against the dollar since the end of 1990.

The statement said the devaluation would help Ecuador increase its exports and "will not have a significant impact on the import sector" because it would be balanced by a recent decrease in import duties.

TEHRAN (R) — Developing countries this weekend sent a defiant message to the United States and the European Community over international trade negotiations, but deep splits in Third World ranks reduced it to a hollow threat.

"We are just swimming in a sea of meaningless words," said a Latin American envoy to a Tehran conference at which the Third World was supposed to draw up a common stand ahead of February's full session of the U.N. conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The declaration on the Uruguay Round turned out to be the most contentious issue at the conference — with Latin American countries, South Korea and Romania leading resistance against an Indian spearheaded drive to make UNCTAD the guardian of the Third World's interests at the GATT talks.

UNCTAD faces a deep identity crisis following the end of the cold war and industrialized countries are openly critical of its role as the main United Nations agency promoting the Third World's economic development.

Highly indebted, commodity-exporting countries in particular fear that after this month's U.S.-EU summit in the Hague about the Uruguay Round the world's two most powerful trading blocs will strike a deal and impose it on the rest of the international community.

The Tehran statement on the

Uruguay Round insisted that developing countries should be compensated if the liberalisation of world trade worsened their economic plight.

It said the developing countries would only decide on accepting the final deal once they had been given a proper chance to evaluate it and once any corrective measures the Third World deemed necessary had been introduced.

Many countries at the meeting, including some of those which opposed the Uruguay Round declaration, nevertheless expressed fears a less-fair international order may emerge now that the United States is the sole superpower.

"We want to be treated as full partners in building the new international order, not as minority shareholders," Colombian Ambassador Eduardo Mestre told a no-holds-barred meeting with representatives of the developed world.

"If our interests, human values and territorial

Paralysed German minister to be Kohl's 2nd-in-line

BONN (R) — German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, paralysed in an assassination bid last year, caps a dramatic political comeback this week when he takes over as second-in-line to Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Mr. Schaeuble, who now dominates Bundestag debates from his purple-trimmed wheelchair, will be elected Monday as parliamentary leader for Mr. Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats.

The demanding job is the traditional springboard to the chancellery, and the once-athletic lawyer seems determined to prove even a paraplegic can clear the final hurdle.

"A man on his way to becoming a myth" was how the liberal *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* described 49-year-old Schaeuble, who as majority leader will have to promote Mr. Kohl's policies in parliamentary debates and keep 318 centre-right deputies working as a team.

Mr. Schaeuble, far too clever to announce now he would like to have Mr. Kohl's job a few years down the line, talks about himself these days with an introspection rarely seen when he was known as the chancellor's "all-purpose weapon."

"I'm doing better than I would have expected a year ago, I feel up to the job," he said when asked about the parliamentary leader's post, for which he is unopposed.

"People can adjust to new situations in ways I thought possible. There is always hope."

Mr. Schaeuble, Bonn's negotiator in its unification talks with east Germany, was already Mr. Kohl's unofficial crown prince when they celebrated the triumph of German unity on Oct. 3, 1990.

Once the December general election was over, he was set to advance to parliamentary leader after a smooth career as Mr. Kohl's speech writer, chancellery minister and interior minister.

But on Oct. 12 a deranged man shot him in the spine and jaw just as Mr. Schaeuble, a father of four, was leaving a campaign rally in his Offenburg constituency in southwestern Germany.

Mr. Schaeuble, a cool and efficient type whose quiet manner hides a sharp debating tongue, spent weeks in intensive care and returned to Bonn early this year looking frail but determined.

Although he still had trouble speaking and sitting up, the iron-willed minister forged ahead with a plan to publish — with the help of two ghostwriters — what turned out to be a best-selling book about the German unity negotiations.

Mr. Kohl kept faith in him throughout, reminding Germans that President Franklin Roosevelt had the United States through the depression and World War II from a wheelchair.

Mr. Schaeuble dispelled any lingering doubts about his political skills in June with a moving speech in parliament that proved crucial in swaying deputies to vote to move united Germany's government from the old western capital Bonn to Berlin.

Yugoslav accord on U.N. troops may come soon

ROME (R) — Yugoslavia's warring parties could agree final details on the deployment of a U.N. peacekeeping force within a week if a ceasefire due to come into force on Sunday holds, U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance said.

Mr. Vance told a news conference in Rome that no exact time had been fixed for the latest truce, signed by Serbian, Croatian and federal army leaders at an emergency meeting which he called in Geneva Saturday.

"We have made it very clear that without a lasting and effective ceasefire there could not, in my view, be a United Nations peacekeeping operation," Mr. Vance said after briefing U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who is now in Rome.

Asked if U.N. troops could be deployed both at flashpoints and along Croatia's official borders, Mr. Vance said: "The simple drawing of a line and putting troops along that line has not proved over the years a very practical way to do that. There are other ways that have been used that are far more successful."

He declined to say how large the U.N. contingent could be or which countries could contribute to it.

"Our first has to define where the exact flashpoints are and examine what the terrain is like... how many of them would be infantry people, how many would be police. That's why we need a ceasefire here if the army leaves Croatia," an Information Ministry spokeswoman said.

Meanwhile, the breakaway

Yugoslav Republic of Croatia saw an early morning lull in fighting as warring parties awaited a new truce due to come into effect Sunday.

Most of Croatia was quiet in the early hours of Sunday but there were some explosions near Karlovac, west of Zagreb, and in the eastern Croatian capital of Osijek, Zagreb Radio said.

It said fighting was still raging for control of Ernestinovo, a strategic village south of Osijek.

The army has launched an offensive on the city since it captured nearby Vukovar last weekend.

Mr. Vance warned that the latest truce had to be serious and not, like the 13 previous efforts, "just words that disappeared like dust in the air."

This could be a last chance to halt the fighting and enable the U.N. to send a peacekeeping force which both sides want.

"I emphasised that this must be a genuine ceasefire, not just another meaningless declaration which is then ignored," Mr. Vance said.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, Croatian leader Franjo Tudjman and Yugoslav Defense Minister Veljko Kadijevic signed the truce.

The early Sunday lull in the fighting did not raise hopes in the Croatian capital that the truce would be different.

"The only way of having a ceasefire here if the army leaves Croatia," an Information Ministry spokeswoman said.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Zimbabwe minister congratulates Ghali

HARARE (R) — Zimbabwe Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero, who had been a frontrunner for the post of U.N. secretary-general, has congratulated Egypt's Boutros Ghali on winning the top U.N. job. "I would like to congratulate Dr. Ghali on his victory. He has a task in view of the world political changes," the Sunday Mail newspaper quoted Mr. Chidzero as saying.

The U.N. Security Council voted Thursday to recommend Dr. Ghali's election to the General Assembly to succeed Peru's Javier Perez de Cuellar, whose second five-year term expires on Dec. 31. Dr. Ghali's approval by the assembly is considered a formality. Mr. Chidzero said he was disappointed he had lost but that Dr. Ghali's victory was a victory for the African continent. Dr. Ghali, Egypt's deputy prime minister with responsibility for foreign affairs, will be the first U.N. chief from Africa. Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Nathan Shamuyarira was also quoted as expressing pleasure that Dr. Ghali would take over the post. "We are very pleased that Africa has won," he said. "The entire continent felt it was Africa's turn to occupy this high post. Dr. Boutros Ghali of Egypt now has the big task of promoting and defending the interests of Africa. We will have our support in that endeavour."

Amber room hidden in Hitler's bunker

MOSCOW (R) — The Amber Chamber, a unique tsarist treasure seized by Nazi invaders and lost since 1945, is hidden underground at a German bunker complex built for Adolf Hitler, a Soviet newspaper said Saturday. Rabochaya Tribuna said the treasure was buried at the complex, below what later became a Soviet military base, at Ohrdruf in the eastern German state of Thuringia. Soviet troops stationed at the base, in what was Communist east Germany until last year, never investigated the 50-metre-deep galleries of "Hitler's buried capital and buried storehouse," it said. The newspaper said it was still constrained from publishing documents in its possession which proved where the treasure, a priceless collection of Amber Wall panels, furniture and other artefacts, was hidden. "One way or another, a clear trail stretching from the Nazi looting of Russian territory and the capital of East Prussia led to Thuringia at the Ohrdruf Army Base," it said. Among the clues was a receipt for transporting 126 boxes from Königsberg, in 1945 the capital of German East Prussia but now the Soviet city of Kaliningrad, where the treasure was last displayed.

Yeltsin tells troops: 'Be ready for hard 6 months'

WUENSENDORF, Germany (R) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin warned Soviet troops in Germany that they would face a trying six months on their return home, but vowed things would improve.

Mr. Yeltsin's arrival at the fog-bound headquarters of Soviet forces in Germany drew shreds of delight from about 3,000 children at the Wunsdorf Base and applause from officers among the last generation of Soviet soldiers on German soil.

But the mood of many was sombre as they considered returning to a country of chronic food shortages and poor pay and housing.

"We're sitting on our cases, waiting to go home," said one young major as a military band launched into an unexpected refrain of Glenn Miller's *In The Mood* to pass the time. "But no one knows what they'll go back to."

All Soviet troops must be out by the end of 1994 under a treaty with united Germany.

Mr. Yeltsin told a meeting in the officers' club Saturday that the economic reforms he was carrying out at home, including steep price rises, would inevitably hurt the population.

"For the first half year life will become harder," he warned his audience. "But then in the year after that the situation will stabilize."

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"You really can't resolve such a complex situation, you can't remake a social fabric so affected by very great internal violence... in a day," Augusto Ramirez Ocampo, head of an Organization of American States (OAS) mediation team, said at the talks being held at this Colombian resort.

"It requires long and patient work," he said after a first day's talks between President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted in the Sept. 30 coup, and Haitian legislators.

Delegates said they had not yet come up with a solution to the Haitian crisis.

Mr. Ramirez, a former Colombian foreign minister, said he hoped to have some announcement by noon Sunday, when the

talks were scheduled to end. He declined to say what type of announcement or what the accord might be.

"But I want to warn you that the joint effort will surely not finish in Cartagena. Cartagena is intended as the first step, not the culmination of a process," he said.

The OAS wants Mr. Aristide's restoration as president. But the talks laid bare deep rifts between Mr. Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, and the legislators. One legislator said Mr. Aristide's return would lead to a bloodbath in Haiti.

No military representatives attended the talks but OAS officials said army officers had promised to respect any agreement.

Senate President Dejean Belizaire, head of the 10-member parliamentary delegation, called for the lifting of an international trade embargo against Haiti after the coup.

He said the embargo limited the progress of the negotiations. People were dying of hunger and were dying because there was no transport to take them to hospital, he said.

"We will not be able to ensure



A Croatian national guardsman raises his republic's flag in the threatened stronghold of Osijek.

Shevardnadze warns of danger of Armenia-Azerbaijan war

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze warned the southern Soviet Republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan not to let a bitter quarrel over a crashed helicopter develop into war.

Azerbaijan says Armenians shot down the helicopter, killing 20 people, and vowed to take action in retaliation. Armenia says plans by the Azerbaijani parliament for a Nov. 26 emergency debate on the crash amount to a declaration of war.

The leader of the Azerbaijani delegation, deputy parliamentary Chairman Ziyad Samed-Zade, said Saturday the talks should not be continued.

TASS quoted him as saying they should resume only if Armenia withdrew its claim on Nagorno-Karabakh and stopped hostilities against Azerbaijan.

The Azerbaijani capital, Baku, is spending the weekend in mourning for the helicopter victims. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Baku Friday for their funerals.

The emergency parliamentary session in Baku Tuesday will determine the introduction of martial law and new defence measures, possibly including the call-up of Azerbaijani soldiers and officers serving in the Soviet army.

It will also discuss the status of Nagorno-Karabakh and a possible break in economic ties with Armenia.

Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosyan said in Yerevan Friday that the session's agenda was in effect a declaration of war, the independent Armenian Snark News Agency reported.

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U.S. considering deeper defence cuts

NEW YORK (R) — The U.S. Defence Department is preparing options for military spending cuts of as much as \$50 billion over the next five years that President George Bush could use for domestic programmes, the New York Times reported Sunday.

It said the cuts would affect fundamental military programmes, including troops, weapons purchases and military bases.

Mr. Bush, who is expected to run for re-election next year, is under fire from Democrats who accuse him of failing to address domestic problems.

Quoting senior administration and Defence Department officials, the newspaper said the Bush administration publicly continues to resist cuts beyond the 25 per cent reduction in forces envisioned by 1995 under current Pentagon plans.

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COLUMN

Diana is Vogue's Christmas cover-girl

LONDON (R) — In sharp contrast with the often formal pictures of British royalty, Princess Diana appears in cover-girl pose on the front of the December edition of the fashion magazine *Vogue*, out Saturday. The close-up shows Britain's future queen resting her head on her hands and smiling up to the camera with tousled hair. The princess, patron of the English National Ballet and the London City Ballet, agreed to pose for the picture to mark a special dance feature. It was taken by French photographer Patrick Demarchelier.

Husband cooked wife's head, denies feeding her to cat

MOLD, Wales (R) — A Briton accused of killing and dismembering his Filipina wife described Friday how he strangled her, cut off her head and cooked it in an oven. But he denied claims that he fed some of her remains to their pet cat Katie, a court in Mold, North Wales, heard. Aircraft fitter John Perry, 52, denies murdering his 27-year-old wife Arminda at their home in Wales. He said she died during a struggle after she threatened to slash her wrists with a knife in a row over getting a divorce. "I knew from when I was a schoolboy that the body comprises approximately seven-tenths water and that if I removed the water I could disperse the body in shallow graves," Perry said. He buried his wife's brain and eyes in a forest after raising her skull apart with a chisel and saw. Asked by defence lawyers whether he fed part of his wife to the cat, Perry replied: "Certainly not." The trial continues.

Family feud causes grave offence

LONDON (R) — A family feud that continued to the grave is about to be resolved — by exhumation. Widow Diane Richards said her late husband Albert had detested his step-father Alfred. They lie in the same grave but Diane has obtained permission to have Alfred dug up and moved. "All allegations that I mean to join the treaty later are nothing but fiction."

Mr. Kravchuk is tipped to win presidential elections in the Ukraine on Dec. 1, on a pledge to win independence from Moscow for his powerful republic.

The loose confederation binding together former Soviet Republics will be initiated next week. It reflects the new-found strength of the republics as central Soviet power crumbles in the wake of August's failed coup.

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